

### Books suggested for the Council Library.

**390. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of books and publications that have been suggested for the Council Library by the Hon'ble Members of this House for the last three years with the respective dates of the suggestions;

(b) those of (a) already got down;

(c) the reasons why the remaining ones have not been got down;

(d) the date (approximate) when they will be coming forth?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—(a) and (b). A list is appended. (*Appendix IV*).

(c) Want of funds.

(d) When funds permit.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—What is the total allotment for new books in these three years?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—This year the amount sanctioned is Rs. 150, last year it was Rs. 750 and the year previous Rs. 1,000.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I know how much have been spent?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Year before last books were purchased for Rs. 1,000. During last year only a sum of Rs. 250 was spent for the purchase of books, the balance having been used for buying a Duplicator machine. This year, so far, about Rs. 75 have been spent for getting down books.

**Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Who made the suggestion with regard to all these books?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—The Hon'ble Member for Cranganur.

**Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Have the Government inquired whether these books are proscribed or not?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—These books have not been ordered for. So, there was no occasion to make any enquiry.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Which is the book that is proscribed?

**President.**—You may ask the Hon'ble Member.

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Can the amount intended for books be utilised for purchasing Duplicator machine?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—The Duplicator was purchased only after obtaining special sanction from the Government.

### Working of the fan in the Council Library.

**391. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the number of days during which the fan in the Council Library was out of order?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—19 days.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—How do you account for this long delay for such a petty thing?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—19 days cannot be said to be long delay. The fans in the Hall were all right. It is only the library fan that was not working for a few days. The Member, if he had requested, would have been allowed to use one of the fans of the Hall for the time being.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Was it not out of order during the last meeting?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Yes, for some time on the last day.

**Steps to open a Public School at Mattancheri.**

**392. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps have been taken to give the Public of Mattancheri the privilege of having a Public School in Mattancheri;

(b) and to what success?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—(a) and (b) There are public schools at Mattancheri. If the Member means a High School, the question is engaging the attention of Government.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—May I know whether the Government is aware that last year Government promised to give a public school to Mattancheri?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—Year before last it was said that this will be attended to very quickly. We requested the Diwan for an allotment of one lakh and only an allotment of Rs. 38,000 has been sanctioned. This one building costs about Rs. 80,000. Therefore I am making a further proposal to the Government. It was not possible to include it in the last year's sanctioned works.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Did not the Government say in last year's reply that they are having some correspondence with the T. D. School authorities?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—Yes. They said that they had no objection to shift and the Devaswam authorities said that they will acquire the land again which was once purchased for the purpose of the school.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Have not the Devaswam agreed to give a site for the school?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—They said that they were prepared to buy back the land and offer it to the department. But the difficulty is with regard to the money for the construction of the building.